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**RODNEYSE BICHOTTE**  
Brooklyn Democratic County Leader



## COVID-19 Updates

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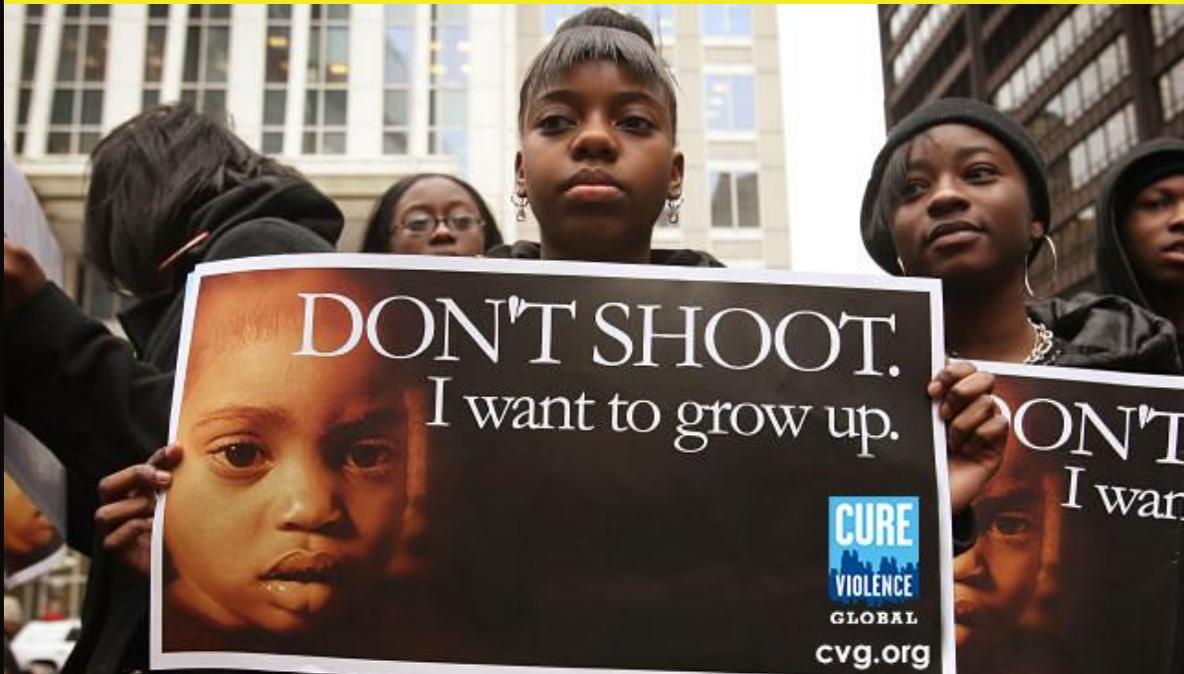


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### **NYC Mayor Expands Cure Violence Initiative and Crisis Management System**

*Amid Coronavirus Pandemic*

Governor Unveils LaGuardia Airport Terminal B; Congressional Democrats Unveil Justice In Policing Act; Federal Reserve Predicts Slow Recovery; and More!

**NYS Confirmed: 380,156**  
**NYS Deaths: 24,404**  
**NYC Confirmed: 208,118**  
**Brooklyn Confirmed: 57,484**

**LEGISLATION**



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY



**Hon. Rodneyse Bichotte**  
**(D) 42nd Assembly District**

Video of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte providing remarks on bill [A01601C](#) to establish a special prosecutor

The New York State Legislature reconvened today and passed an additional two bills :

- **A01601C/S02574-C**
  - Establishes the office of special investigation within the office of the attorney general.
- **A10002B/S03595C**
  - Creates the law enforcement misconduct investigative office.

**NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO**

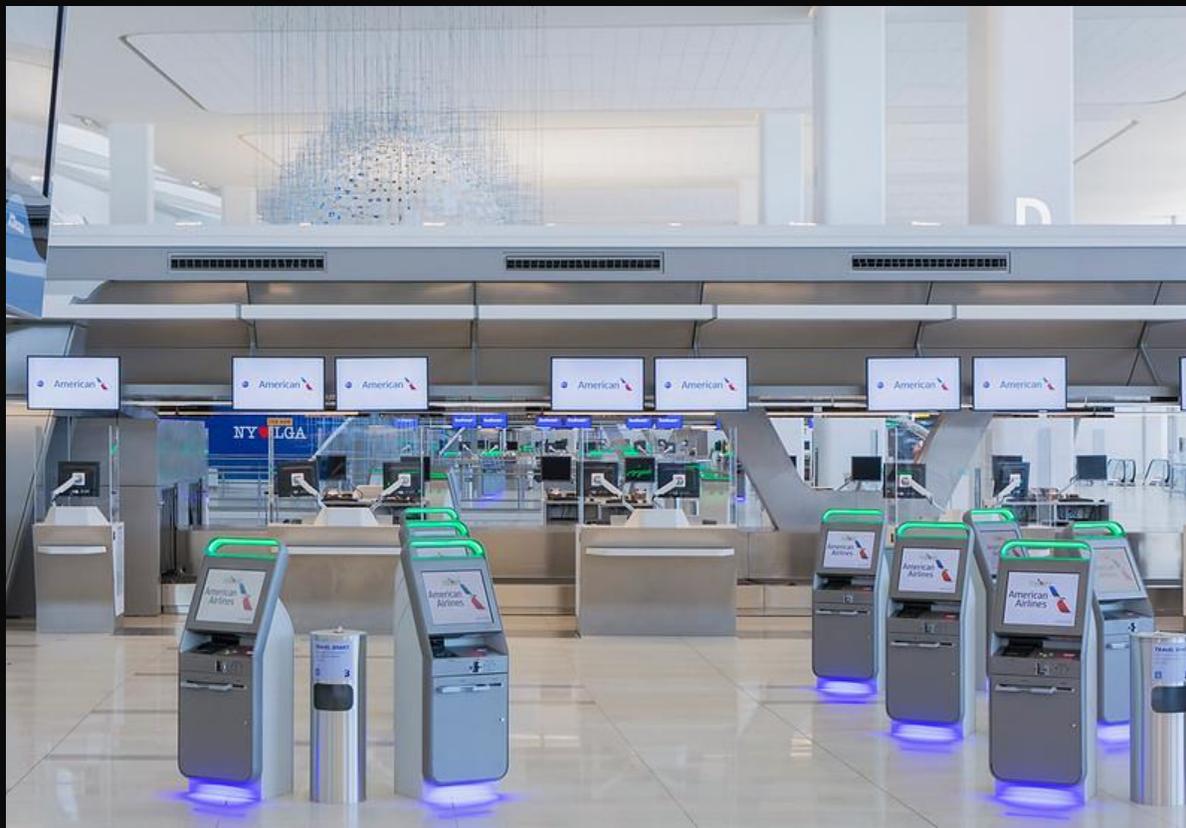


Photo Credit: Office of Governor Cuomo; LaGuardia Airport New Arrivals and Departures Hall at Terminal B

- Today, **Governor Cuomo** unveiled the new **Terminal B** at **LaGuardia Airport** and announced plans to fast-track an **\$8 billion** renovation to the rest of the airport.
  - LaGuardia will open **Terminal B** arrivals and departures hall to the public on Saturday, **June 13th**.
  - The terminal will serve American Airlines, United Airlines, Southwest Airlines and Air Canada.
- The redevelopment of the airport has created **7,000** direct jobs in construction and **7,000** indirect jobs;
  - Provided **\$1.4 billion** in MWBE contracts and more than **\$500 million** in contracts to Queens based businesses; and
  - Established the **Council for Airport Opportunity** LGA Career Center in Corona, a partnership with two community-based organizations to provide job recruitment and placement services to minority and disadvantaged residents in communities around the airport.
- The governor also announced that NYS is transforming **Belmont, Long Island** by creating **10,000** jobs, spurring **\$2.7 billion** in economic activity, and building a **world-class arena**.

**NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO**



Photo Credit: Michael Appleton/Mayoral Photography Office on Flickr

- Today, **Mayor de Blasio** announced the expansion of the **Cure Violence Initiative**.
  - The Cure Violence initiative aims to prevent violence by placing outreach workers in communities. Read more [here](#).
  - The mayor is adding **four** additional precincts to the initiative: the **43rd Precinct** in Bronx, **103rd Precinct** in Queens, **71st Precinct** in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, and the **69th Precinct** in Canarsie, Brooklyn.
  - With the addition of these sites, Cure Violence will cover the **20** precincts with the highest number of gun violence.
- The mayor also announced that he is increasing the crisis management system budget by **\$10 million**.
  - The funding will help add staffing and create new sites; and
  - Support community organizers and credible messengers who break cycles of violence in their neighborhoods.
- De Blasio said there will be increased COVID-19 testing for hard-hit communities:
  - **Two** mobile testing trucks started work yesterday at NYCHA's Monroe Houses in Soundview, Bronx
  - There are also **6** new community testing partners throughout the city:
    1. Housing works
    2. Bronx Care

3. Morris Heights Health Center
  4. Boriken Neighborhood Health Center
  5. Damian Family Care Centers
  6. VIP Community Services
- NYC is now offering testing kits to all hospitals and hospital systems.
    - The mayor is immediately sending **3,000** made in NYC test kits to Staten Island hospitals.

### NYC DAILY COVID-19 INDICATORS

**New hospitalizations: 67** (up from 52)  
**ICU admissions: 341** (up from 337)  
**COVID-19 positive tests: 3%** (up from 1%)

*The city's goal is to keep new hospitalizations below **200** , ICU admissions under **375** and the percentage of positive tests below **15** .*

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Kevin Lamarque/Reuters; Federal Reserve Chairman, Jerome Powell.

- Federal Reserve Chairman, **Jerome Powell**, predicted a slow recovery at a press conference today.
  - **15** out of the **17** officials who participated in the rate-setting meetings said there will be **no interest rate increases** through **2022**.

- Most of the officials expect unemployment rates to remain high, close to **10%**, through the end of the year.
- The officials said they would maintain their pace of purchases of Treasury and mortgage securities.
- Read more [here](#).
- **President Trump** and U.S. Attorney General **Bill Barr** met with police unions and other law enforcement officials at the White House today. The president said that he will not consider renaming army bases named for Confederate leaders and rejected calls to defund the police.
- Meanwhile, congressional Democrats unveiled police reform legislation.
  - The package of bills will be called the **Justice in Policing Act of 2020**.
  - Read more [here](#).
- The president's administration is proposing new regulations to the **U.S. asylum system**. Read more [here](#).
- A **second wave** of coronavirus has struck some states weeks after reopening. Infection rates are increasing in Florida, Texas and Arizona. Read more [here](#).

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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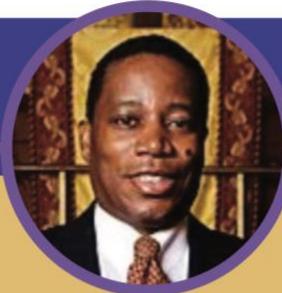
Family members of the **Class of 2020** can submit video messages to celebrate their students' achievements. " The New

York City Department of Education will honor the Class of 2020—their hard work, commitment, and achievements—with a virtual graduation ceremony and will allow family members to submit **congratulatory video messages** to be featured as part of that event." Submit your video message [here](#) by Thursday, **June 11**. Read more [here](#) .

## FACE MASK DISTRIBUTION



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**Friday, June 12, 2020**  
**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**305 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226**

*\*While supplies last\**

RSVP required by June 11<sup>th</sup> for your mask: Email [AD42@nyassembly.gov](mailto:AD42@nyassembly.gov) or call 718-940-0428



Sponsors/Vendors



For more information on this free event or any other community concerns,  
please contact the office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte at 718-940-0428.

Assemblymember **Rodneyse Bichotte** and District Leader **Josue Pierre** in partnership with **Salem Missionary Baptist Church** will host a **Face Mask Distribution** on **Friday, June 12, 2020** from **1:00 p.m. –**

**3:00 p.m.** . RSVP is **required** to receive a mask and giveaways. Sign up [here](#) .

## FREE COVID TESTING

PAKISTANI AMERICAN YOUTH SOCIETY PARTNERED WITH DOMESTIC PERSONAL HELPERS & KAMIN HEALTH TO OFFER

free **COVID-19 TESTING**



**THURSDAY, JUNE 11 | 6PM – 8PM**

**1001 NEWKIRK AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11230**

*must*  
**PRE-REGISTER  
TO GET TESTED**

Register at:

<https://www.kaminhealth.com/homevisit/>

For more info email:

[yosef@kaminhealth.com](mailto:yosef@kaminhealth.com)

**DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**

Already have symptoms of COVID-19, the test will determine if you already have the virus

**ANTIBODY TESTING**

The test will determine if you had a previous infection with the virus. Anti-bodies are proteins that help fight off infections.

First  
responders  
families are  
welcomed



In loving memory of Mahmooda Shaheen and everyone who we lost to COVID-19

Photo Credit: Pakistani American Youth Society

Join Pakistani Youth Society for free COVID-19 diagnostic and antibody testing tomorrow **Thursday, June 11th** from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at 1001 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11230. You must pre-register to get tested [here](#).

## NEW YORK FORWARD LOAN PROGRAM

# NY FORWARD



Photo Credit: Newsbreak

- Applications for the **New York Forward Loan Program** are now being considered on a rolling basis. The **\$100 million fund** was created to provide flexible

and affordable loans to **small businesses, nonprofits** and **small landlords** as they reopen after the COVID-19 outbreak and NYS on PAUSE.

- **Basic Eligibility:**

- Small businesses, nonprofits and small landlords must have **20** or less employees and less than **\$3 million** in revenue.
- Landlords must have no more than **200** units under ownership, and no single property greater than **50** units; Properties must either be located in a low or moderate income (LMI) census tract or meet a rent test where property rents are affordable to tenants of low and moderate income.
- Priority will be given to industries and regions that have been reopened. Please refer to the **New York Forward Business Reopening Lookup Tool** [here](#).
- Businesses, nonprofits and landlords that received the SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) **will not be eligible to apply**.
- For more information or to submit a pre-application for a NY Forward Loan, please visit [here](#).

**FINANCIAL COACHING AND CREDIT WEBINAR**

## FINANCIAL COACHING & CREDIT WEBINAR

**Thursday  
June 11, 2020  
6:00–7:30pm**

**Start learning how to manage your money, improve your credit & access resources for anyone affected by COVID-19!**

**Topics will include:**

- ✓ **Budgeting & Money Management**
- ✓ **Reducing Debt & Increasing Savings**
- ✓ **Establishing & Improving Credit**
- ✓ **COVID-19 Resources to Help You Through**

**TO REGISTER (Required)**  
<https://tinyurl.com/yaqr4wgd>



Photo Credit: NHS Brooklyn

Join NHS Brooklyn tomorrow, **thursday, June 11th** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a financial coaching and credit webinar. Registration is **required**, visit [here](#) to register.

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**ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING**



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Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** through **Sunday, June 21st**. Parking meters will remain in effect.

**COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH**



Assemblymember  
**Rodneyse Bichotte**  
42nd Assembly District



# **FLATBUSH AVENUE WALK-IN COVID-19 TESTING SITE**

*This testing site is **by appointment only**.*

You **must** contact the  
**NYS Department of Health**  
at **1-888-364-3065** to  
schedule an appointment.

## **Brookdale Family Care Center**

1095 Flatbush Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11226

For more information about this or any community concern,  
contact Assemblymember Bichotte's district office

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We have a **drive through** and **walk-in** COVID-19 testing site in the **42nd Assembly District**. **You must make an appointment before visiting the center or you will be turned away.** To make an appointment you **must** contact the NYS Department of Health at **888-364-3065**.

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Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte  
42nd Assembly District



## Sears Parking Lot

2307 Beverley Road  
Brooklyn, NY 11226

**Testing site is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

For appointment call 888-364-3065

*If you experience symptoms or have been exposed  
to someone with the virus, call your doctor*



For information on this, or any other matter, please call Assemblymember Bichotte's district office at  
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## MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN (MIS-C)



Photo Credit: Norton Children's

Governor Cuomo announced that a new investigation is underway regarding potential COVID-19 related **cases in children**. Symptoms can be compared to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome. The Department of Health issued an advisory of what's called the Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children, or MIS-C, and now **requires** health care providers to **immediately report** all related cases. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene released a [health advisory](#) detailing current findings.

- New Yorkers should **seek immediate** care if a child has:
  - Prolonged fever (more than five days)
  - Difficulty feeding (infants) or is too sick to drink fluids
  - Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
  - Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
  - Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
  - Racing heart or chest pain
  - Decreased amount of frequency in urine
  - Lethargy, irritability or confusion

## THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS

You allow us to get where we need to be safely in this time of crisis.

**Thank you gas station workers.**



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **gas station workers** for providing our drivers and essential workers with the services they need to reach their destination.

**COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS**



As we face unprecedented challenges in the fight against COVID-19, we must remember to complete the **2020 Census**. The census asks just 10 simple questions that can be answered in just a few minutes online by visiting [here](#) or by calling [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020).

### AVOID SCAMS

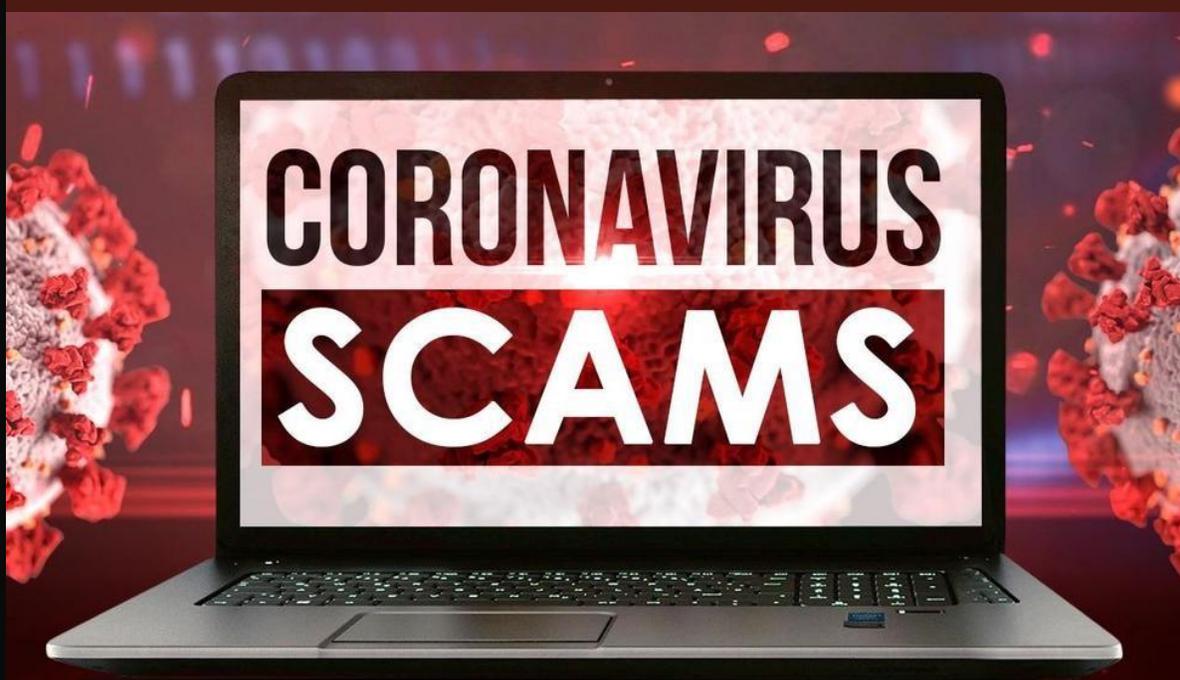


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: 800-697-1220.
- CDC staff will **NOT** go door-to-door. If you experience this, call 911.

## SERVICES AND RESOURCES



Photo Credit: Ansi.org

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on New York City's workforce, the City of New York has developed a list of resources for those who may be unemployed due to COVID-19 or are seeking additional assistance. The list below will be updated frequently.

It has information on the following categories:

- **Employment Resources**
- **Food Assistance**
- **Health & Medical Assistance**
- **Financial Assistance**
- **Rent Arrears and Public Assistance**
- **Emotional Support & Spiritual Care**
- **Other Assistance**

Visit this [website](#) for resources.

**NYS Department of Health Hotline** for people who want to be assessed and get appointment for test ([888-364-3065](tel:888-364-3065)). NYC residents should call ([844-692-4692](tel:844-692-4692)).

### **Volunteer to Support**

**Others:** [https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/covid-19-relief.page#healthcare\\_workers](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/covid-19-relief.page#healthcare_workers).

### **Free Internet Services:**

Charter is offering free spectrum broadband and WiFi access for 60 days to household with K-12 and/or

**college students** who do not already have Spectrum broadband subscription. To enroll, **call 844-488-8395** . Until further notice, all Xfinity WiFi Public Hotspots are now open to everyone on the "xfinitywifi" SSID. For more information visit [here](#).

**FreshDirect meals:**

**Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams** in partnership with **FreshDirect** is providing free food packages. Each box contains the following:

- Rice, 2 bags, 16oz
- Pasta, 2 boxes, 16oz
- Canned beans, 2 cans, 10-16oz
- Canned Meat/Fish, 2 cans, 3 to 5 oz
- Canned Vegetable, 2 cans, 8 to 15 oz
- Raisins / Dry Fruit, 4 boxes, 2 oz per box
- Cereal/Oatmeal, 1 Box, 10 to 20 oz
- Milk / Milk Substitute, 1 container, 32 oz
- Corn, 2 ears
- 2 Potatoes
- 1 Onion
- 1 Carrot
- Orange / Apple, 2 in total

The packages will arrive by FreshDirect vehicles to locations listed [here](#) . If you have any questions, call (718) 802-3700.



- \$800/couple or single parent with children
- \$1,000/family with multiple adults and children
- for more information, click [here](#).

### **SMALL BUSINESS**

- The Federal Government is offering programs to support small businesses:
  - **Paycheck Protection Program** provides a loan that will be forgiven if employees are retained on payroll for a period of time. For more information, click [here](#).
  - **Economic Injury Disaster Loan** is a low interest loan to cover expense beyond payroll costs. For more information, click [here](#).
- New York City Small Business Services has a host of other services for small businesses including grant and loan opportunities. For more information, click [here](#).

**In-District Businesses open/closed** provided by **Flatbush Avenue BID and Church Avenue BID**: Visit Flatbush Avenue Business Directory [here](#) and Church Avenue Business directory [here](#). Businesses open/closed list provided by **Flatbush Development Corporation**: Visit Flatbush Business Corridor Directory [here](#) . Includes businesses located in:

- Cortelyou Road (Coney Island Ave. - Ocean Ave.)
- Coney Island Avenue (Cortelyou Road - Foster Ave.)
- Newkirk Plaza
- Newkirk Avenue (Coney Island Ave. - Ocean Ave.)
- Foster Avenue (Coney Island Ave. - Ocean Ave.)
- Ditmas Park

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK WITH COVID-19**



# What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

## Stay home except to get medical care

You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

## Separate yourself from other people in your home

As much as possible, you should stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available.

## Call ahead before visiting your doctor

If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the healthcare provider's office take steps to keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

## Wear a facemask

You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live with you should not stay in the same room with you, or they should wear a facemask if they enter your room.

## Cover your coughs and sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can and wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, immediately clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.

## Clean your hands

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

## Avoid sharing personal household items

You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home. After using these items, you should wash them thoroughly with soap and water.

## Monitor your symptoms

Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., shortness of breath or difficulty breathing). **Before** seeking care, call your healthcare provider and tell them that you have, or are being evaluated for, COVID-19. Put on a facemask before you enter the facility. These steps will help the healthcare provider's office keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

Ask your healthcare provider to call the local or state health department. Persons who are placed under active monitoring or facilitated self-monitoring should follow instructions provided by their local health department or occupational health professionals, as appropriate. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>.

## Discontinuing home isolation

Patients confirmed to have COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions until the risk of secondary transmission to others is thought to be low. The decision to discontinue home isolation precautions should be made on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments. Current information on COVID-19 is limited; home precautions are conservative and based on general recommendations for other diseases, like Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

**STAY INFORMED**

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about  
**coronavirus**



**Health officials** are working tirelessly to protect public health and contain this virus. And, as your representative in Albany, I am working to ensure that our state is putting the health and safety of our families first.

Remember **COVID-19** can affect any community and we must stand by one another during this time, not alienate, threaten or discriminate against others.

For questions you can also reach out to the New York State's novel coronavirus hotline at **1-888-364-3065** . For continuous updates, you can visit the following websites:

- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

*The CDC also now has the option for you to sign up for weekly updates on COVID-19.*

New Yorkers Can Sign Up for Email Updates [Here](#) and Ask Questions About COVID-19 [Here](#)

New Yorkers Can Find More Information About the New COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Law [Here](#)

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Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte represents the 42nd Assembly District in Brooklyn covering Ditmas Park, Flatbush, East Flatbush and Midwood. She is currently the **Chair of the Subcommittee on Oversight of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBs)** , and serves on the following committees: **Housing, Government Operations, Education , Banks, Health, and Higher Education** . She is also a member of the Task Force on

Women's Issues and sits on **Governor Cuomo's Domestic Violence Advisory Council and Mayor De Blasio's MWBE Task Force.**

As a current Assemblymember, District Leader, and Chair of Brooklyn Democratic Party, Rodneyse Bichotte has been an outspoken advocate on issues concerning **immigration, education, economic development, unemployment, education reform, health care access, senior citizen centers, affordable housing, school safety, women's and LGBTQ rights** , as well as other issues affecting the quality of life in the community.

Learn more about  
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and [www.rodneysebichotte.net](http://www.rodneysebichotte.net)

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